(b) NAFED has already directed concerned Slate Level Agencies to commence procurement of Copra under Price Support Scheme (PSS) at the Minimum Support Price announced by the Government of India for the 2001 season. The procurement of copra has already started in the States of Karnataka, Goa and UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands where a quantity of 6898, 171 & 5106 MTs respectively has been procured during the current season. The procurement in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh has not started because these State Governments are yet to finalise the requisite arrangements. The procurement is likely to commence soon.

(c) The year-wise procurement of Copra by NAFED under PSS in Kerala given as under:

Year	Quantity procured (in MTs)
1998-99	164
1999-2000	2849
2000-2001	82,561
2001-2002	NIL

Shop allotment criteria in Okhla flower market

2750. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 628, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 2001 and state whether Government have since finalized the criteria for allotment of shops to flower merchants in the flower market at Okhla, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): No, Sir. The Govt, of National Capital Territory of Delhi has informed that so far no decision has been taken on the criteria for allotment of shops in the proposed Okhla flower market.